

**Indiana Association of Historians
Council Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2007**

Present: Jim Fuller (President), Bill Pickett, John Glen, Marianne Wokeck, Matt Vosmeier, Leigh Darbee, Eric Sandweiss, Joel Shrock, Tom Mason, Steve Towne (Secretary).

The meeting came to order at 5:04pm. The minutes of the Council meeting of November 3, 2006, were approved.

ICHE Report. Bill Pickett reported that ICHE is alive and well, and serving the needs of teachers. HENI is active, too, though it is without staff and offices. HENI still needs about \$90,000. It presented a workshop for geography teachers, and more such workshops are planned. The Presenting the Past conference held at the Indiana Historical Society's History Center on February 23, 2007, was very well attended, and featured excellent presentations. Council members discussed various fundraising ideas for HENI. In response to a question regarding the Governor's Teachers award raised at the November, 2006, meeting, Pickett reported that Don Adams reported that we are receiving plenty of names for potential nominations for the award. John Glen wondered whether expanding the scope of the award to K through 12th grade teachers would enlarge the pool; Pickett said that the pool from K through 7th grade is excellent.

Treasurer's Report. Bill Giffin, the outgoing Treasurer, though not in attendance of the meeting, submitted his report of the IAH finances. The members of the Council unanimously offered their great thanks for Giffin's long service as Treasurer.

Old Business. Bylaws. Leigh Darbee, outgoing President, suggested a number of amendments to the Bylaws to reflect changes; however, much of the language of the Bylaws is vague and general enough that it can still work without amendment. Discussion regarding the length of service of the Treasurer ensued. Given the complexity of the tasks required, it was generally agreed that the current limitation of three terms of three years each is fine. The Secretary is to research the terms of Council members and report.

New Business. New Membership Secretary. Greg Mobley resigned as Membership Secretary. He reported 76 renewed memberships, and 7 new memberships. Marianne Wokeck said she would ask Noraleen Young to be Membership Secretary.

IAH Website. In discussion of a website, Wokeck suggested combining the management of an IAH website and the Membership Secretary tasks. Jim Fuller noted that he had a tech-savvy person in mind and ready to construct the website. The question of who should host the site was discussed. Fuller suggested a subcommittee of Fuller, Wokeck, and Eric Sandweiss be formed to decide the issue and proceed, and to report to the Council.

Host Site for 2008 Conference. Fuller reported the History Center of Fort Wayne (formerly the Allen County Historical Society) has offered their space to host the conference. It was suggested that they might work with historians at IPFW to organize the conference. Darbee volunteered to check with the Fort Wayne people and report. Discussion about the 2009 meeting ensued, members wondering if the conference should return to Indianapolis in that year with a bicentennial theme on Abraham Lincoln. Sandweiss suggested that the 2009 meeting be in Fort Wayne in conjunction with the Lincoln Museum there, and to host the 2008 in Indianapolis. Council members thought this was a good suggestion, and further suggested that the Indiana Historical Society be contacted about hosting the 2008 conference. Other Indianapolis host sites posited were Marian College and Historic Landmarks Foundation.

The meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.